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Chief Donna Black serves as the Fire Chief of Duck Fire Department in Duck, NC in the state's Outer Banks. She has over 26 of experience in Fire and Emergency Operations with a focus on Emergency Management. She has worked in every volunteer level for her department including Interim Chief until accepting the role of Career Fire Chief in 2006. She currently serves at President and Board Chair with the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC).

Chief Black led the transition of this volunteer department to its current operation as a thriving Combination department by educating, delivering data to board members, gaining trust, and demonstrating commitment and care for all resources with an emphasis on staff and community safety and engagement.

Known for big picture thinking, and relationship building, she is a leader in the US Fire Service through both regional collaborations and national board positions. Chief Black is inspired to share the voice of smaller size and combination departments on national and international committees to ensure that the important viewpoint of transitioning departments is heard. She advocates for highly effective and inclusive departments, is dedicated to continuous learning, and makes a priority of leaving a legacy of bettering the Fire Service.